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TAGS: PINS, PFOR, CASC, ET, US (HANNA, RICHARD)

SUBJECT: STATUS OF HANNA CASE

REF: ADDIS 2173

1. IN COURSE OF HIS FEBRUARY 24 MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER KIFLE WODAJO, CHARGE' REVIEWED RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS CASE AND REQUESTED EARLIEST POSSIBLE RELEASE OF HANNA IN VIEW HIS DETENTION OF OVER ONE MONTH.

2. FOREIGN MINISTER'S REMARKS INDICATED THAT HE WAS ALREADY FAMILIAR WITH CASE. HE SAID THAT HE HAD DISCOVERED ON LOOKING INTO THE MATTER THAT NONE OF THE CHARGES ORIGINALLY PLACED AGAINST HANNA HAD INVOLVED THE US GOVERNMENT. (THIS FLATLY CONTRADICTS EARLIER INFORMATION ON THIS SUBJECT WHICH WE HAD RECEIVED FROM HANNA'S LAWYER ON THE BASIS OF A COURT HEARING HELD FEBRUARY 13. SEE ADDIS 1847.) SERIOUS CONSIDERATION WAS BEING GIVEN AT PRESENT TO DROPPING THE CHARGES AGAINST HANNA, WHICH ARE CURRENTLY SUSPENDED. THERE ARE SOME "TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES", HOWEVER, BECAUSE ONE OF THE CHARGES INVOLVES TWO ETHIOPIANS AND THEY WOULD HAVE TO BE RELEASED IF HANNA WERE RELEASED. SOME THOUGHT IS THEREFORE BEING GIVEN TO HAVING HANNA APPEAR AS A GOVERNMENT WITNESS. IN ANY CASE A FINAL DECISION SHOULD BE TAKEN ON THE MATTER THIS WEEK.

3. THE CHARGE' EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE INTEREST WHICH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD DISPLAYED IN HANNA'S CASE AND AGAIN  
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EXPRESSED HIS HOPE THAT THE CASE CAN NOW BE SPEEDILY CONCLUDED.

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